Express Mail No.: EL178949538US

Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe 203 North LaSalle Street Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60601-1293 Telephone (312) 368-4000 Telecopier (312) 236-7516

Attorney Docket No.: P-5231CIP
Date: January 11, 2001

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231 "Express Mail" mailing label no. EL178949538US
Date of Deposit: January 11, 2001
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box: Patent Application, The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Stephanie Warner-Wallace
Name (typed or printed)

Sir:

This application is a continuation in part of U.S. application serial number 09/016,203, filed January 30, 1998.

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in association with a new patent application:

By: Jeffrey A. Zimmerman, Ralph H. Larson and Paul C. Myhre

For: CONTROLLER FOR SALT DOSAGE FOR A WATER SOFTENER AND METHOD OF REGENERATING A WATER SOFTENER

- Patent Cover Page 1 sheet.
- Application $\underline{35}$ sheets; including $\underline{33}$ claims total, $\underline{8}$ independent claims.
- \boxtimes 5 sheets of drawings (informal).
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An Assignment of the invention to ________, a corporation of the State of

	Benefit of the filing date of Application No filed
	is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119.
	A certified copy of, Application No
	A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
	An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97.
×	The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(COL. 1) NO. FILED	(COL. 2) NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY			TITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
FOR:			RATE			FEE	RATE	FEE		
BASIC FEE						\$	OR		\$	710.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	33 - 20 =	13	x	9	=	\$	0	x 18 =	\$	234.00
INDEP CLAIMS	8 - 3 =	5	x	40	=	\$	0	x 80 =	\$	400.00
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED				135	=	\$	0	+ 270 =	\$	0
* If the difference in Co. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.				TOTAL			OR	TOTAL	\$	1,344.00

- \triangle A check in the amount of \$1,344.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-2284 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 for this application and for any amendment thereto, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 18-2284. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2284. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

The Issue Fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).

Please address all telephone calls to <u>David J. Richter</u> at telephone number (312) 368-4069.

Please address all correspondence to:

David J. Richter

Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe

P.O. Box 64807

Chicago, Illinois 60664-0807

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Ryan Reg. No. 43,072